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SUBJECT: CHINESE PRISON PRODUCTS EXPORTED TO THE U.S.

REFS: A) GUANGZHOU 84, B) HONG KONG 1622

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. CONSULATE OFFICERS VISITED THE SITE WHERE PREVIOUS REPORTS SUGGEST A CHINESE PRISON IS MANUFACTURING SHOES FOR EXPORT
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(THROUGH HONG KONG) TO THE U.S. WHILE NOT ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE "FACTORY," THE OFFICERS GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO VERIFY, BY TALKING TO AN ARMED GUARD, SHOES ARE BEING MANUFACTURED AT THE SITE. THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING ALSO SUGGESTED IT WAS NOT A NORMAL FACTORY. BASED UPON THIS AND OTHER EVIDENCE, WE BELIEVE THIS LOCATION IS A PRISON MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS WHICH ARE EXPORTED TO THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

3. TWO CONSULATE OFFICERS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, VISITED THE GUANGZHOU SITE OF THE "FACTORY" DESCRIBED IN REFS A AND B AS A PRISON MAKING SHOES FOR

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EXPORT TO HONG KONG AND THE U.S. THE
NAME OF THE FACTORY IS THE "FLOWER CITY
LEATHER SHOE FACTORY" (HUACHENG PIXIE CHANG).
IT IS LOCATED AT NO. 14 NANJING ROAD NEARBY
THE WORKERS' STADIUM AND ONLY A FEW MILES
FROM THE CONSULATE. THE SITE IS A COMPOUND
WITHIN A COMPOUND. ON THE FIRST GATE,
WHICH IS NOT GUARDED, IS A SIGN WITH THE
FACTORY'S NAME IN LARGE CHARACTERS. THE
SECOND GATE WAS GUARDED AND APPEARED SECURE.
IT WAS A FEW HUNDRED FEET WITHIN THE COMPOUND.

4. THE CONSULATE OFFICERS TALKED WITH A
SOLDIER STANDING GUARD WITHIN THE COMPOUND.
HE WAS CARRYING AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON. WITHOUT
ANY PROMPTING, HE VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION
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THE "FACTORY" INSIDE THE COMPOUND HAS A
"FOREIGN" CONCERN WHICH MANUFACTURED SHOES.
DURING THIS BRIEF CONVERSATION, AN OFF-DUTY
MILITARY OFFICER WALKED UP AND TOLD
THE CONSULATE OFFICERS THEY COULD GO NO
FURTHER INTO THE COMPOUND.

5. COMMENT. THE CONSULATE OFFICERS GOT
CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE "FACTORY" TO SEE THE
MAIN BUILDING. WHILE THEY COULD NOT CONFIRM
THE BUILDING WAS A PRISON, THE ENTRANCE DID
NOT SUGGEST A NORMAL FACTORY.

[REDACTED] B1
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE FACTORY IS USING PRISON LABOR
AND THE SHOES PRODUCED THERE ARE, IN PART,
EXPORTED TO THE U.S. BASED UPON THE INFORMA-
TION REPORTED IN REFS A AND B PLUS THE VISIT
BY OUR OFFICERS, WE BELIEVE THIS LOCATION
IS A PRISON MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS WHICH ARE
EXPORTED TO THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

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